

Remarks

The Examiner has objected to Claims 1-17 on the basis of "informalities". These informalities have been corrected by amendment and have thus been overcome.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 2, 12 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 102 and has rejected claims 3-7, 14, 15 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. 103.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 8-11 and 13 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if written in independent form including limitations of the base claim and intervening claims.

Claim 8 has thus been written in independent form including limitations of its base claim 1 thus placing it in allowable condition. All remaining claims have been amended to make them dependent upon allowable claim 8. All remaining claims, as amended, are thus allowable for the same reason that claim 8 is allowable.

Claim 1 has been cancelled.

In view of the foregoing, it is clear that all claims are now in condition for allowance, which action is courteously requested.

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Appendix

Amendments to the drawings

Please amend the drawings by substituting enclosed new page 1 (Fig. 1) of the drawings for the original page 1 (Fig. 1). The amendment adds no new matter and raises no new issues since the new substituted Fig. 1 is essentially identical to the original Fig. 1 except that the legend has been translated from German to English.